Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—Does it satisfy your standard?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—It does satisfy certain standards.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—What is the cost of acquisition there?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar).*—It will depend upon other circumstances and therefore I cannot give an off-hand answer.

Fishing—Chakkarachal—particulars regarding.

166. Mr. M. A. Sankunny *(Nominated).*—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether fishing is going on in the Chakkarachal;

(b) if so, in what part of the year;

(c) whether Government got any revenue out of it;

(d) if so, how much?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar).*—(a), (b), (c) and (d). No fishing is allowed in Chakkarachal.

മിസ്റ്റർ എം. എ. ശങ്കുണ്ണി *(Nominated).*— ഈ ചാല് തിരുവിതാംകൂറിന്റേയും കൊച്ചിയുടേയും മധ്യത്തിലാണ് സ്ഥിതി ചെയ്യുന്നതെന്ന ഗവൺമെൻറിനറിയാമോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. അച്യുതമേനോൻ *(Diwan Peishkar).*— മധ്യത്തിലല്ല, രണ്ടിന്റേയും അതിർത്തിയിലാണ്. അതായതു പകുതി ഭാഗം തിരുവിതാംകൂറിലും പകുതിഭാഗം കൊച്ചിയിലുമാണ്.

Mr. George Parakkal *(Narakkal).*—May I know whether the Travancore Government is realising any amount by leasing out the place?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar).*—Yes.

Mr. George Parakkal *(Narakkal).*—May I know whether the Cochin Government is realising any thing, by letting out this chal for fishing?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar).*—No.

Mr. George Parakkal *(Narakkal).*—Why has not the Government chosen to do so?

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Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar).*—The possibility of auctioning it was considered by me and I sent up a report but the Panchayat stated that it would be prejudicial to the agricultural operations.

Mr. A. Narayana Menon *(Vyttila).*—Are the Government aware that there is a body of public opinion in favour of this?

Mr K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar).*—The body of public opinion has not come to the notice of Government. The matter is pending before the Government.

Mr. A. Narayana Menon *(Vyttila).*—Is there not some sort of fishing going on there?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar).*—About illicit fishing we have no information.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur).*—When did the Hon'ble Member sent that report to Government?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar).*—Two months ago.

Mr. George Parakkal *(Narakal).*—Is not the Government losing Rs. 1500 in a year?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar).*—Not exactly Rs. 1500. When I auctioned it it was somewhere in the vicinity of Rs. 1000.

Sea-fishing—Scheme for.

167. Mr. M. A. Sankunni *(Nominated).*—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether they have turned their attention towards the scheme of sea-fishing and deep sea-fishing;

(2) if so, what is it;

(3) whether they have done anything for the same;

(4) if not, whether they will be pleased to investigate into the same by appointing a committee consisting of officials and non-officials?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar).*—(1) and (2). Government have realised the importance of sea-fishing and the necessity of promoting it. No scheme has been formulated for the development of deep sea-fishing.

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